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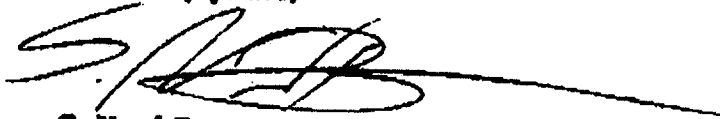
Dear Ms. Hesse:

I am told you are receiving comments on the proposed Microsoft settlement.

It is important that any agreement reached will be complied with. The three person technical committee that is part of the settlement agreement that will monitor Microsoft's compliance appears to be a good means of achieving compliance. Complaints regarding Microsoft's compliance can be relayed to this committee, the Department of Justice or any of the state plaintiffs that are party to the settlement.

This provision of the settlement ought to give all involved a high level of comfort.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Neel Brown', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

S. Neel Brown